

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-356 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: December 1 and 21, 2000

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company

Manufacturer Contact: Mr. L. W. Camp, Director, Automotive Safety Office

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SUBJECT: Approximately 10,000 Ford 1998-2001 Lincoln Town Car limousines stretched over 60 inches fail to comply with the requirements of FMVSS No. 109, "New Pneumatic Tires," and No. 110, "Tire Selection and Rims." Ford Safety Recall No. 00S51.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin January 2, 2001. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by April 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

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